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ENTERTAINMENT AT TASTE OF AFRICA EVENT

King College School held their annual Taste of Africa fundraiser Saturday night at Caledon Woods Golf Club in support of its sister school in Kumba, Cameroon. Entertainment was provided by Alpha Rhythm Roots. Derek, Alpha and Walter hit the drums for the dancing of Coco.

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Peel votes for facilitation in Caledon land use issues

By Bill Rea

Peel Region is getting ready to take part in facilitation to deal with some of the land use issues in Caledon, although there are a couple of strings attached.

The motion that was passed last Thursday (after a closed session meeting) stipulated that all parties involved in the appeal of the Bolton Employment Expansion Area and the Mayfield West Phase 2 Employment Expansion Area be invited to participate, and that the Town decides to participate. As well, the motion stated that matters that have not yet been dealt with by Regional council not be dealt with in facilitation.

There was also a provision

that the request of Solmar Development Corp. for party status in the appeal of the Bolton Employment Expansion be either adjourned or denied, and that the Region support the Mayfield West Phase 2 Land-owners' Group for the dismissal of Solmar's appeal of the Mayfield west expansion.

The move came last Thursday, after Regional councillors heard a deputation from Kim Seipt of Your Voice for Bolton, calling for facilitation.

The matter had come up the previous Thursday at Regional council, during discussion of a progress report on the Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES). A motion, calling on Regional council to encour-

age impacted landowners and elected officials in Caledon to work with the provincial facilitator to discuss long-standing land use issues. The motion was put forth by Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey and seconded by Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, but the matter was deferred until the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing had

issued a written request to the region to take part in facilitation. The motion that was passed last week, also moved by Jeffrey and seconded by Crombie, stated the Minister has issued a letter two days before, encouraging the parties to consider using facilitation.

Seipt stated she and her group are appealing the amendment of the Regional Official Plan dealing with the Bolton Employment Expansion Area, as well as a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) that had been issued two years ago to aid the development of the massive Canadian Tire facility in Bolton.

"We want to ensure that Bolton and Caledon have the best possible future ahead of it," she stated.

She also mention that Mayor Allan Thompson had been quoted as saying that planning in Caledon is different.

"The only difference is Caledon's planning appears to be based on popularity and spe-

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The Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show goes this weekend. Turn to page A6 for more.

Quote of the week

"Sometimes, we have to stand up for the right thing."
Mayor Allan Thompson, defending the continuation of prayer at the start of Peel Regional council meetings.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23
The Alton Grange Association (AGA) will be holding its annual open house and general meeting at the Alton Legion Hall at 1267 Queen St. Hands on Exotics will be presenting an entertaining interactive presentation with a variety of live creatures from all over the world. Bring a camera and learn about how these fascinating mystery guests live. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. It's free for the whole family. Take out or renew an Association membership.

"Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you." The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or <http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca>

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
Last Friday of the month Dinner and Cards at Caledon Seniors' Centre, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton. Ham and scalloped potatoes, dessert, tea and coffee. It will be at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$8. Dinner will be followed by euchre and duplicate bridge for \$3. Call 905-951-6114 for more information.

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at the Palgrave United Church Friday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 9:30 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments starting at 10:15. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
The Caledon Tennis Club will be holding its Registration Day from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Caledon Village Place on Hurontario Street, south of Charleston Sideroad. Caledon Tennis Club Professional Joanna Phang will be in attendance to answer questions about tennis programs. Come and sign up for organized programs, lessons and fun. Open to all, from juniors to seniors. Enjoy a whole summer of tennis for you and your family! Beginners are definitely welcome. For more information, visit <http://caledontenniscub.weebly.com/>

Cheltenham United Church will be holding its annual Beef Barbecue. It will be at Credit View Public School, at Mississauga Road and King Street from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults, and \$6 for children younger than 10. Take-out will be available.

Springlewood Community Clean-Up at Lloyd Wilson Arena. Meet at the arena at 9 a.m. Drop off your old electronics in partnership with the Ontario Electronics Stewardship from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See villageofspringlewood.com for more information and to volunteer.

Caledon Central Public School celebrates its 50th anniversary from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be decade rooms, commemorative mugs, T-shirts and cards for sale, Caledon Optimists food booth and a birthday cake. Come out and meet former classmates and teachers.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
Annual Meeting and Elections at Caledon Seniors' Centre, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, at 2 p.m. Call 905-951-6114 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Friendship Room of Knox United Church in Caledon village. This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30
Pantomime Dress Rehearsal at Caledon Seniors' Centre, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, at 2 p.m. Nursing homes invited. Call 905-951-6114 for more information.

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SATURDAY, MAY 9
There will be a plant and bake sale, including back bacon on a bun, at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Ave. It will run from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Alton Grange Association (AGA) will be holding its annual Spring Clean-Up in the Grange. Grab work gloves and come out at 10 a.m. at the parking lot on Station Street in Alton. Enjoy refreshments, camaraderie and help protect this jewel and the river that runs through it. For more information, call Debby at 519-941-7833.

Caledon East Childrens Place Open House. Everyone is invited to come and visit the child care centre from 9:30 until 11 am at 6029 Old Church Rd. Call 905-584-9189 for more information.

MONDAY, MAY 11
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TUESDAY, MAY 12
The Peel North Branch of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario will meet at 10 a.m. at North Bramalea United Church, 363 Howden Blvd. The program will include the nomination and installation of the new executive. There will also be a memorial service. Pianist Patrick Dilke will play. All retired women teachers are welcome. RSVP to Marion at 905-877-8217.

THURSDAY, MAY 14
The Caledon Horticultural Society will meet at Cheltenham United Church, 14309 Creditview Rd. at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will now be Wolfe Bonham who will be speaking about Dry Stone Walls. Learn how to build and install a Dry Stone Wall. Guest fee is 3.

Bolton and District PROBUS Club presents Great War Flying Museum President Earl Smith at 10 a.m. at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre Auditorium. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



Sue Mortimer, executive director of the Labour Community Services of Peel.

Learn about your rights at work at Jobs Caledon

Jobs Caledon will be hosting a guest seminar, Know Your Rights @ Work this coming Tuesday (April 28) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

It will be at the Caledon Community Services offices in the Royal Courtyards at 18 King St. East in Bolton.

In her presentation, Sue Mortimer, executive director of the Labour Community Services of Peel (LCSP), will be discussing issues affecting workers in Ontario workplaces, including common workplace issues, laws, an introduction to workplace rights, how to deal with workplace problems and where to access help. A practice scenario will also take place.

LCSP in Mississauga has been offering labour-related services to the Peel community for more than 35 years. There are two main programs that workers could access. The Help Centre is for clients who are experiencing income security issues regarding Employment Insurance, Can-

ada Pension Plan, Human Rights and WSIB. Additional services include completing paperwork and representation at tribunal, as needed. Know Your Rights at Work is mainly delivered at various agencies to their clients, and beginning in May 2015, one session per month will be held at the LCSP Main Office.

Mortimer has been employed with LCSP for 30 years, and up until recently, held the position of Labour Director. In her current role as executive director, she has been facilitating the Know Your Rights @ Work workshops since October.

She pointed out a lot of people do now know what their rights are in the workplace, and are also not aware of the laws in place to protect them. "In some cases, the employer takes advantage of them for this reason," she said.

Book a seat by contacting Jobs Caledon at 905-584-2300, ext. 200 or jobs@ccs4u.org

Bolton woman sees yarn bombing as appealing alternative to graffiti

By Bill Rea

Rikki Rumball would like to see Bolton bombed; with yarn, that is.

Yarn bombing is a form of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn, as opposed to paint. Knitted creations can be wrapped around trees, lamp posts or other things to help improve the look of the streetscape.

Rumball, who recently opened Odds and Sods in Bolton, brought the idea up a couple of weeks ago at the annual General meeting of the Bolton Business Improvement Area (BIA), as the discussions dealt with the recent incidents of graffiti in the village.

She said she saw pictures of the art on a website.

"I thought it was incredible," she declared. "This just inspired me so much."

Rumball is working on setting up a group known as Bolton Bombers. She said the aim is to get 60 members lined up. She announced recently that 25 were on deck. "I haven't even started trying."

She added she wants to visit local schools and seniors' facilities to get them interested in this "creative graffiti."

The aim, she said, is "to make the whole downtown beautiful."

There will have to be approvals from the municipality before such work can be done on public property. It's a different

matter with private property, and Rumball said she's hoping to put woolly manes and tails on the lion statues in the Royal Courtyards.

"It's going to take a lot of women doing a lot on knitting," she said, adding she also hopes men will get involved.

"I want all ages involved," she said. All genders. It's everybody."

She added she's taught her husband how to knit.

Rumball said she's confident this will take off, as she believes people want to be part of their community, doing things for it.

Rumball is an 18-year resident of Bolton, and this is the second business she's run in the village. "It's extremely important to me that it becomes revitalized," she said.

The idea of yarn bombing is nothing new. In fact she said June 11 is International Yarn Bombing Day. It has been practised in such cities as Toronto, Boston and Paris. In Ottawa, someone knitted a racing singlet with a heart on it and put it on a statue of Terry Fox.

She has also stressed that any yarn bombing in Bolton will be presentable.

"It will always look clean and tidy," she maintained. "It will never be an eyesore. I won't have it."

"It's an incredible art form," she declared, adding she really doesn't consider it graffiti because nothing is damaged. In fact, she believes it will discourage graffiti.

As the yarn that's been set up wears out, she said it will be a simple matter to take it down, possibly replacing it with a newer creation.

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Council sidelines Regional Prayer

By Bill Rea

If Peel Regional councillors want to pray before the start of their meetings, they're going to have to do it quietly.

Regional council last Thursday voted to stop reciting the Regional Prayer, although the motion, put forth by Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey, left the option of a moment of silence being observed, at the discretion of the Chair.

The move came on the heels of a ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada the previous day that the municipal council in Saguenay, Quebec, cannot open its council meetings with a prayer.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie observed that her City council has been in the habit of reciting the Lord's Prayer, but that was going to stop.

"We will be abiding by the Supreme Court decision," she said.

Mayor Allan Thompson was far from pleased with the idea.

"Canada was built on a Christian law that we've brought in," he said. "We've showed toleration to all faiths."

He added being able to recite the prayer is part of the country's fundamentals. "I'm not compromising them," he declared.

Crombie countered she's a Christian and a Catholic, but she couldn't go along with Thompson's position.

"In this vote, you are signalling that you are willing to fight the Supreme Court and undertake the financial costs," she said.

She also said if the prayer continues, there's a good chance someone will challenge it. Director of Legal Services and Regional Solicitor Patrick O'Connor said in that event, it will be hard to sustain the practice.

"We have to respect the laws of the land, and the Supreme Court has spoken," Crombie declared.

"I would put these people to the test," Brampton Councillor John Sprovieri remarked, suggesting they wait and see if there's a challenge.

He pointed out the Regional Prayer is not like the Lord's Prayer. "It's a very generic prayer," he commented, adding it doesn't place one denomination above another.

The Prayer, which has been recited at Regional council meetings for more than 30 years, asks for "perception and patience that justice, truth and honesty may be evident in our planning and govern-

ing."

"Save us from a parochialism that divides and so create in us a desire for progress and responsible action," it goes on to say.

"Let's challenge anyone to come here and challenge us," Sprovieri urged. "I don't see who's going to do that."

Mississauga Councillor Jim Tovey said he could recite a prayer to himself if he chose, but he didn't see taking the risk of spending taxpayers' money in a fruitless fight.

"Sometimes, we have to stand up for the right thing," Thompson countered.

Councillor Annette Groves called the situation unfortunate.

"The Supreme court does not respect the right of everyone who lives in the country," she said.

"Generic prayer sucks," Mississauga Councillor Carolyn Parrish remarked. "I'm not a particularly religious person, but that prayer's terrible."

She pointed to the need to separate places of worship from places of work, adding council is there to make laws and uphold them, so it would be hypocrisy to defy the highest court in the country.

Sprovieri pointed to requirements that Muslims be provided space and time in work places and schools to pray five times a day, and he wondered about that double standard.

"I respect the will of the majority of council," Thompson said later.

He couldn't say if Caledon council will follow the same path as the Region (all five Regional representatives from Caledon voted against the motion). He said the court ruling will have to be studied, and due diligence applied.

"I think there's bigger fish to fry," he said.

Although she didn't take part in the debate, the matter came up Saturday morning, as Councillor Jennifer Innis addressed a community round table, hosted by the House on the Rock Church in Caledon East.

She pointed out that everybody has different faiths.

"For me, it was an affirmation of my oath," she commented, adding councillors should be basing their decisions on the greater good.

"For me every Thursday, it was a reminder of why we were there."

High school teachers in Peel ready to strike Could start May 4

The teacher and occasional teacher bargaining units of District 19 (Peel) of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) have announced legal strike action can begin May 4.

That is assuming a local collective agreement is not reached with the Peel District School Board.

"Our collective agreements expired in August of 2014, and since that time our members have shown a great deal of patience despite the slow pace of bargaining," District 19 President Mike Bettiol said. "Their work, both in and outside of the classroom, becomes more demanding all the time, but the employer has refused to address their concerns in any meaningful way at the bargaining table. The school board's approach to bargaining will have to change dramatically if they want to avoid a full withdrawal of services."

Board officials are taking a different view.

Letters were sent to parents earlier this week to communicate that, in the event of a strike, all secondary schools will be closed.

The Peel board has about 42,000 secondary students in 36 secondary schools.

"It is very disappointing that OSS- TF provincial has tried so hard to make it seem like this is about local issues," Board Chair Janet McDougald commented. "That is deliberately misleading to our parents, students and staff. The fact is, all major monetary items have to be resolved at the provincial table. This is all about putting pressure on the provincial negotiations."

"Our goal remains to negotiate a fair and reasonable agreement with the Board, but our members are becoming increasingly frustrated," Sue Doughty-Smith, chair of the District 19 negotiating teams,

said. "They have given their bargaining teams an overwhelming mandate with the strike votes taken in the fall, and they have made their concerns very clear. The Board's complacency and indifference to our interest in renewing our collective agreements has done nothing but exacerbate those concerns."

"As a board, we are 100 per cent committed to fair negotiations with our unions and federations — including OSSTF," McDougald said. "Locally, negotiations were progressing well. We have met six times locally and have more dates set. We are optimistic about local negotiations and willing to work hard to reach a mutually agreeable, negotiated local settlement. No local action was needed to keep us at the table — we are there and want a settlement."

"The reality is that this is a provincial strategy with a harshly negative local impact for our students," she added. "Our students are being used by OSSTF provincial as pawns in their strategy. That is not fair. That is not right."

"Our members' patience is now wearing thin," Doughty-Smith said. "We continue, however, to hope that the employer responds in a constructive way, and we remain ready to negotiate at any time in an effort to prevent disruption."

"Our Peel secondary teachers are dedicated, caring professionals, committed to student success," McDougald said. "We know they do not want to jeopardize the school year for our secondary students — especially our graduating students. But this is local action guided by OSSTF at the provincial level. That is unacceptable for us—and for the other six boards chosen by OSSTF provincial for potential 'local' action that is really a provincial strategy."

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With the current streak of warm weather in central Ontario and temperatures forecast in the double digits this week, many people will be heading outdoors to enjoy the weather after the long winter.

OPP would like to remind residents to be aware of open and fast moving water. As spring is upon us, we will see water levels rise and become unstable due to excessive snow runoff. Rivers will be moving fast with strong currents and the water is still very cold. We should all be aware of the dangers present around rivers and open water and certainly be mindful of children who might be curious and ven-

ture too close to these dangerous areas.

Many will be anxious to get out on the waterways and the trails these warmer days. A good reminder to take a minute and check and make sure all of the safety equipment is on board your boat before heading out. Take the time to ensure personal floatation devices are readily available for everyone on board. When they are the proper fit and in good condition, it will help reduce the unnecessary loss of life on our waterways. Do safety checks on your ATV before you ride, and wear the proper approved equipment and be in control of your off-road vehicle at all times.

In final, the nice weather brings out all summer recreational activities, including motor cycle and cycling activity. A

reminder to all motorists that when they are exiting driveways and other roadways to check for these smaller vehicles that are out with the warmer temperatures. Riders should also be reminded that there are still some areas of the region that have snowbanks at the corners, and mounds of

sand on the roadway. Take extra caution while out riding until the spring clean-up has been completed.

OPP officers remain dedicated to road, water and trail safety throughout Ontario and will continue to make safety a priority during the spring.



CAR SEAT CLINIC

Caledon OPP Auxiliary officers recently held the latest of their child car seat clinics at the Bolton Fire Hall. Auxiliary Constable Danny Gallant was adjusting this seat in a car. The next clinic is scheduled for April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the fire hall at 28 Ann St. in Bolton. It will be by-appointment only. Call 905-584-2241 for more information or to book an appointment.

Photo by Bill Rea

Call to police leads to drug arrest

Concerns about a possible impaired driver resulted in a 29-year-old Toronto man being charged April 6.

Caledon OPP reports several calls were made to the communications centre about a possible impaired driver on Regional Road 50. The callers stated the vehicle was being driven erratically, and have been seen crossing in front of on-coming traffic.

Officers were able to find the car, a black Toyota Corolla, on the road, north of Adjala Township. They stopped the car and immediately noticed the driver was displaying many signs of being impaired

by a drug, so he was arrested. The car was searched and police found a large sum of money, as well as drugs, believed to be heroin and marijuana, belonging to both the driver and a passenger.

The driver was charged with possession of a schedule I substance, possession of property obtained by crime, driving while his ability was impaired and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle. The passenger, a 29-year-old man from Brampton, was charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a schedule II substance and possession of property obtained by crime.

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Speeding driver charged

A 47-year-old man from Orangeville has been charged with speeding and alcohol related offences after an incident last Monday morning (April 13).

Caledon OPP reports an officer was conducted speed enforcement on Airport Road, south of Old School Road and saw a silver Dodge Caravan pass a group of vehicles in the northbound lane. The Dodge was clocked going 160 km/h on a posted 80 zone.

The officer stopped the vehicle, and upon speaking to the driver, noticed a strong smell of alcohol. The driver failed the breath test he was given and was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system, as well as stunt driving.

His licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

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Check out the Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show this weekend

The spring Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show, April 24 to 26, will literally scream its mantra of Renovate – Decorate – Landscape from the moment visitors hit the parking lot of the Albion-Bolton Community Centre.

In its 19th year, the Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show, sponsored by James Dick Construction and in partnership with the Town of Caledon, will inspire visitors with its impressive new features and displays, one-on-one advice from renowned experts, plus an equally impressive line-up of locally sourced entertainment and community celebration, from the show opening Friday at 4 p.m. to closing Sunday at 4 p.m.

Local talent and support for the show

this year is exponential, starting with a totally redesigned front entrance engineered by Scott Waldner’s SW Stoneworks and Sunshine Landscaping, with interior decor provided by The Flower Workshop, ranked as one of the top 10 floral designers in Canada.

Ask the Experts will resound with star talent and TV celebrity power. Jeff Sarty, landscape architect on HGTV’s Decker Out and Disaster Decks, will help show visitors bring outdoor living to their backyards with tips and tricks of the trade. Joining him at the Humber Nurseries Landscape and Garden Centre will be landscape designer Carol Rettinger and Three Brothers Landscape contractor Joseph Medeiros.

Multi-award winning Michael Upshall of Probuilt will bring expert advice to visitors embarking upon renovation projects this season.

“Over the years, the Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show has shown that some of the best of the industry can be found right here in Caledon,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “As the 19th annual show takes shape, I’m particularly pleased that the Town has taken an enhanced role in partnering with the Caledon Chamber of Commerce to showcase and support our businesses.”

The opening night Toronto 2015 Pan Am - Parapan Am Games Preview, presented by the Town of Caledon, will feature past and present athletes, swag bags filled with Games treasures and a draw for priceless Pan Am Games Tickets.

Sunday’s Ascot Room Fashion Show at 2 p.m. will feature Angela Mara designs from Italy modelled by Caledon’s Regional and area councillors who will be strutting the catwalk with some equally impressive canines provided by Dogs by Bryson, with

the latest fashion trends from Rovili’s Pet World.

A wealth of local talent, expert advice and inspiring ideas await visitors to the 2015 Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show, with attendees encouraged to bring their pending projects to the show with photos, plans and (or) drawings. The experts can help you get it right . . . the first time!

The Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show is produced by the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, a not-for-profit membership organization representing local business since 1986.

For show information, schedules and free admission tickets, visit www.aledon-homeshow.com or the Chamber’s website www.aledonchamber.com



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Jeff Sarty, landscape architect on HGTV’s Decker Out and Disaster Decks, will offer tips and tricks of the trade.



Multi-award winning Renovator of the Year Michael Upshall, of Probuilt, will have advice to give out at this weekend’s show.

Book sale at library

Books, videos, CDs and magazines will all be available as Friends of Caledon Public Library will be hosting a book sale at the Albion-Bolton branch.

The sale will take place in the second floor community meeting room April 24 from 4 to 9 p.m., April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. “Friends-only nite” is April 23 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Non-members can fill a reusable shopping bag full of books for \$15 and members can fill a reusable shopping bag for \$10.

The library also welcomes individuals to stop by the Caledon Home Show at the same time, being put on by Caledon Chamber of Commerce.

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Town News



Interim 2015 Property Tax Due Date

Please Note: The next 2015 Property Tax Due Date is Thursday May 7, 2015.

Taxpayers are responsible for the payment of property taxes by the due date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment nor relieve the taxpayer from liability to pay penalties and interest.

Please contact the Town at 905.584.2272 x.7750 before the due date if you do not have a copy of your 2015 Interim property tax bill.

Late payment charges will be applied one day following the due date and on the first day of each following month that property taxes are outstanding. Neither the Treasurer nor Customer Service staff have the authorization to waive penalty or interest charges.

Payment options include enrolling in a pre-authorized payment plan, by post-dated cheque, in person at Town Hall during operating hours or by 24-hour drop box (by cheques only in drop box please), by telephone or internet banking, at your financial institution or online by credit card at www.plastiq.com (service fee applies to online credit card payments).

To sign up for pre-authorized payments (PAP) or for more information regarding payment options, please visit: www.caledon.ca/tax

Current Tenders, Quotes & Proposals

Request For Tender # 2015-32

Caledon Trailway Resurfacing

Highly Recommended Site Meeting: April 21, 2015 @ 2:30 p.m. local time (meet at Caledon Trailway entrance at west side of Winston Churchill)

Closing Date: April 28, 2015, 3:00 p.m. local time

Request For Proposal # 2015-21

Bridge, Culvert and Crossing Structures: OSIM Inspection and Condition Assessment

Closing Date: April 30, 2015, 3:00 p.m. local time

Request For Tender # 2015-39

Cisco Hardware and Software

Closing Date: May 7, 2015, 3:00 p.m. local time

The Town of Caledon's Requests for Tenders, Proposals and other public solicitation documents will be advertised and available for electronic download from the Biddingo.com bid portal at www.biddingo.com/-caledon or may be obtained from the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario L7C 1J6, Corporate Services Department, Purchasing & Risk Management Division, Lower Level.



Call for Community Green Fund Applications

The Town of Caledon invites local Caledon, not-for-profit or volunteer groups to submit a funding application to the Town's Community Green Fund.

Community Green Fund projects must have a clear environmental focus, engage the community, outline clear and specific results, provide measurable results and support the Town's environmental policies. Maximum funding requests are \$5,000.

The 2015 application deadline has been extended to May 1, 2015. For project funding, only a letter of intent is due at this time.

The required letter of intent template and other application material is posted on the Town's website at www.caledon.ca/greenfund

Groups are strongly encouraged to contact the Town's Energy and Environment Section at 905.584.2272 or environment@caledon.ca to discuss your project ideas.

Imagine. Plan. Play!

Have your say at one of our public open houses



Caledon's Parks and Recreation department has launched the Imagine. Plan. Play! campaign – a visioning exercise to check the state of municipal recreation services, both today and into the future. The visioning exercise will also seek community input on ways to fund increased services, and develop a planning strategy to meet the wishes identified by the community.

Have your say!

Caledon Parks & Recreation is planning for the future and we're looking for YOUR input.

Please plan to attend any of the public meetings below.

MONDAY APRIL 20, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation
Caledon Community Complex
6215 Old Church Road

THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation
Inglewood Community Centre
15825 McLaughlin Road

MONDAY APRIL 27, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation
Caledon Centre for Recreation
and Wellness
14111 Hwy 50

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation
Caledon Village Place
18313 Hurontario Street

TUESDAY MAY 5, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation
Southfields Village School
110 Learmont Ave

Can't make it to an Open House?

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SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Bolton Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines

Notice of Community Workshops

The Town and ERA Architects will be hosting two workshops tailored to residential and commercial property owners in the proposed Bolton Heritage Conservation District (HCD). We encourage you to attend the workshop that applies to your property. Please visit caledon.ca/BoltonHCD for a map of the proposed HCD boundary.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND FORMAT?

The purpose of the workshops is to gather community input on the approach and content of the draft HCD design guidelines. The workshops will include a presentation of the draft design guidelines (applicable to each group of property owners), an explanation of how heritage permit systems work, highlights of the research in Ontario on property values in HCDs as well as time for questions and general discussion.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Residential Property Owners Workshop

Wednesday, April 29, 2015
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Room D, Albion Bolton Community Centre
150 Queen Street South

Commercial Property Owners Workshop

Thursday, May 14, 2015
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Egan Room, Rotary Place
7 Rotarian Way

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Sally Drummond
Heritage Resource Officer
905.584.2272 x.4243
sally.drummond@caledon.ca

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format, please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the meeting.

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Arts & Entertainment



Local playwrights have audiences howling at CTHP

By Constance Scrafield
Picture this: Dr. Enbridge, well-known psychologist, due to arrive at any moment to her office, is late. Her patients, however, are showing up on time, one after the other, only to find they only have each other to speak to.
The upcoming production of Caledon Townhall Players (CTHP) is a comedy, so

the collection of folk starting to crowd the waiting room — and, no doubt, creating several big problems for the receptionist — are pretty strange. Or, in the words of producer Marg Argall, “The waiting room fills in with nuts.”
Literally, it seems at one point, when — allergy alert — walnuts hit the deck.
Short on plot, but big on laughs, Self

Help is all about the exchanges between the tardy Dr. Enbridge’s clients as they await her. The confrontations, excuses and revelations all combine to keep the audience laughing while they try to guess what is coming next.
Of the cast of seven, all but one have been in productions at CTHP in the past. It is the camaraderie and the fun of doing the shows that keep them returning. This affection within the group of working together and keeping the theatre alive account, in large part, for its longevity of more than 50 years now and the consistent return of a loyal audience base.

Heidi Kachel, one of the actors in Self-Help, and artistic director for the theatre group, referred to her long-term participation as feeling “at home.”
As is the case for most community theatres, some of the actors and in this case, the directors, come from other community theatres. Co-directors, Gord Gardiner and T. Gregory Argall, are up from Peel Players in Brampton. The actors may have their own takes on the humour when one director comes to the weekend rehearsals while the other takes on the play during the week. That could have been hilarious in itself.
The penchant of the artistic directorship and the executive of the CTHP group have always been for comedy. One member once claimed that she prefers comedies.
“I just like a good laugh,” she declared, “and I think most people do too.”
Self Help by Dummiez was written by T. Gregory Argall and Todd McGinnis. It has run many times in Ontario communi-

ty theatres and the U.S. The reviews have raved about the laugh-out-loud virtues of the piece wherever it has been produced.
An amateur playwright, Argall enjoys penning comedies for the most part. His play A Year in the Life of Eddy Jasper won him the Canadian Playwright of the Year Award in 2002.
McGinnis owns a company through which theatres can take options to produce his works, Playing After Dark. He also performs the role of one of the Kings at the Medieval Times show and restaurant in Toronto.

Featured in this presentation are familiar faces: Heidi Kachel, Brian Molleux, Denise Erskine and David Draper; joining the fray from Brampton are Melinda Briel and Joe Rose; first timer — and welcome — is Teresa Duncan.
The show opens tonight (Thursday) and continues with evening performances April 24 and 25 and May 1, 2, 8 and 9.
Evening performances are April 23, 24, 25 and May 1, 2, 8 and 9. There will be a dinner theatre option May 2, and a matinee the same day.
The roast beef dinner May 2, to combine with the show, makes for a great evening out all round. The dinner is put on by Knox United Church, a short walk away in Caledon Village. This time, the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Book tickets early for this, as it is usually sold out.
Be sure to join them in this fun-filled spoof about analysing this and that. Tickets, dates and times are all available through the CTHP website www.caledontownhallplayers.com or by telephone at 519-927-5460.

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Showtimes for Friday April 24 to Thursday April 30

UNFRIENDED (14A) (GORY SCENES,DISTURBING CONTENT,COARSE LANGUAGE) FRI,MON-THURS 7:10, 9:40; SAT-SUN 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 9:40
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THE LONGEST RIDE (PG) (MATURE THEME,LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND) FRI,MON-THURS 6:30, 9:10; SAT 1:05; SUN 1:05, 6:30
MONKEY KINGDOM (G) FRI,MON-THURS 7:00, 9:20; SAT-SUN 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
PAUL BLART: MALL COP 2 (PG) (VIOLENCE) FRI,MON-THURS 6:40, 9:45; SAT-SUN 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:45
GET HARD (14A) (SUBSTANCE ABUSE,SEXUAL CONTENT,COARSE LANGUAGE) FRI-WED 9:30
HOME 3D (G) (CARTOON/ANIMATION ACTION) FRI-WED 7:05
FURIOUS 7 (PG) (LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND,VIOLENCE) FRI,MON-THURS 6:45, 9:00; SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:30, 6:45, 9:00
HOME (G) (CARTOON/ANIMATION ACTION) SAT-SUN 1:20, 3:40
AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON 3D (Not Rated) THURS 7:00, 10:15
THE LONGEST RIDE (PG) (MATURE THEME,LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND) SAT 3:50, 6:30, 9:10; SUN 3:50, 9:10

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Authors will support independent bookstores at Forster’s May 2

Authors Kelley Armstrong, Alyxandra Harvey, Karina Sumner-Smith, Carole Staveley, Maria Coletta McLean, and Mary and Steve Runciman will volunteer at Forster’s Book Garden May 2 as part of Authors for Indies Day.
Throughout the day, the authors will greet customers, recommend books and highlight the importance of supporting independent bookshops in Canada.
The goals of Authors for Indies are to increase customer traffic, raise awareness of the importance of independent bookstores, strengthen relationships between authors and booksellers, and showcase local writers. Check out the fun and support this local independent bookstore.
Inspired by the successful Indies First campaign in the United States, Authors

for Indies started out as a B.C.-based initiative. With help from publishers, the B.C. Booksellers Association, the Vancouver Writers’ Festival, and the Retail Council of Canada, the celebration has spread across the country, with more than 400 authors and more than 100 bookstores signed up, and continues to grow!
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For more information on special Authors for Indies Day promotions and store details, visit www.forstersbookgarden.ca
The authors will be at Forster’s from 1 to 4 p.m. The Runcimans will do a storytime reading one of their Runley Read-Along books.
Armstrong’s Women of the Otherworld series is the inspiration for the TV show Bitten. She also writes young adult paranormal fiction, a very popular reading genre.

Harvey is also an author of young adult paranormal fiction. She lives in the Orangeville area.
Sumner-Smith writes fantasy novels for young adults and adults.
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Learn about Bruce Trail at Historical Society

Bruce Trail Conservancy has been celebrating 50 years.
Louise Carberry, publicity coordinator of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, will be giving a presentation to the Caledon East and District Historical Society April 29. The presentation will provide a general overview of the whole trail, amounting to a virtual hike, with history of its formation, along with details on what has been achieved over the last 50 years.
The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. James’ Church on Old Church Road in Caledon East.
Society members get in free, and there’s a \$5 charge for visitors.

Innis to sit on ecoCaledon

By Josh Braun

Councillor Jennifer Innis will be the Town’s representative on ecoCaledon. She will serve through the current term of council, which ends in 2018.

Donna Ferron, chair of ecoCaledon, mentioned in her email to the Town “the program offered with ecoCaledon promotes making changes in your Environmental foot print”.

Previous town representatives on ecoCaledon included Mayor Allan Thompson and former councillor Richard Paterak in the last term of council. The organization made the decision to change the number of representatives to one this term.

EcoCaledon is an environmental action group established in the early 1990s, incorporated in 2011. It promote local programs designated to educate, enhance and protect Caledon’s environment. Its mission is to provide environmental education that connects and engages residents of town toward more sustainable living.



Earth Hour marked in Palgrave

Palgrave United Church was the scene of Earth Hour celebrations March 28. The fun in the dark included a simulated camp fire, with Stephanie Oakley of Bolton and Jacob Campbell of Caledon East leading the singing. Sandra Tomona of Palgrave was trying some of the varieties of fondu that were available at the festivities.

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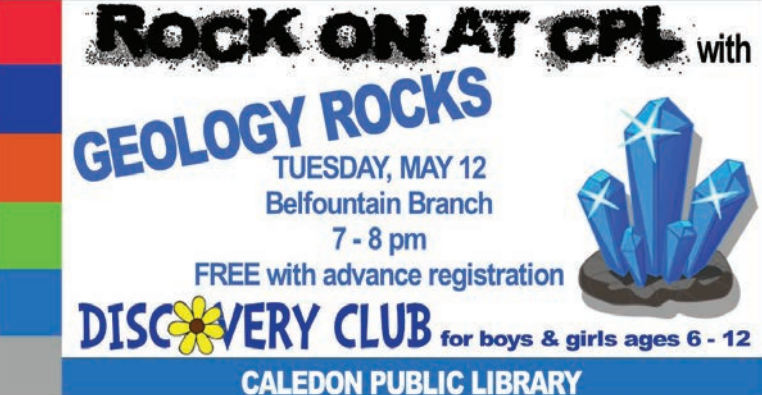
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Associate Medical Officer of Health appointed


By Josh Braun

Dr. Katherine Bingham has been appointed Associate Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region.

Peel Regional council recently approved the appointment.

Dr. Eileen de Villa has been the acting Medical Officer of Health in place of Dr. David Mowat since June 3. Mowat has been seconded to the province as Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Mowat’s temporary relocation has led to Bingham’s recruitment on a part-time basis that will last up to six months in the Medical Health Care office. Her term began March 2.



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5. Strange
8. Type of bear
13. Played part
14. Hurry
16. Optical phenomenon
17. Of the ear
18. Moray fisherman
19. “The ____ Cometh”
20. Head
21. Light brown
22. Union soldier
24. Painting, e.g.
25. Like fresh lettuce
27. Have an ____ to grind
29. Slipper
31. Inn
33. Tiny frog
36. Seer
38. Don’t strike!
40. Figure-skating jump

42. Nativity scene
43. Equipment
44. “Shogun” wear
45. Thrash
46. Small crow
48. Animation unit
50. Night twinkler
51. Hire
52. Lincoln’s coin
54. Kindle
56. Portend
58. Complexion problem
59. Shear
60. Snuggle
62. International syndicate
64. Cut wood
65. Green parrot
66. Bread piece
70. Furnish weapons to
73. Sheet of cotton
75. Move up
77. Indian bread

78. Extra time
80. Old womanish
82. Palm’s location
83. Michaelmas daisies
84. Gaucho’s tool
85. Against
86. Mount
87. Layer
88. Garfield’s cry

DOWN

1. Wild horse
2. Helicopter part
3. Excuse
4. Private eye
5. Perform surgery
6. First-class
7. Barely passing grade
8. Predicament
9. Metallic dirt
10. Tibetan priest
11. Culture medium

12. Payment to a landlord
14. Not sweet, as wine
15. Moistureless
16. Stately dance
21. Period in history
23. Electrical unit
26. Cabin
28. Or ____! (threat)
30. Clean-air advocate group: abbr.
32. Dog-pulled vehicle
34. Foreign
35. Manufacturer’s payback
36. Prayer
37. Go backward
39. Diplomat’s skill
41. Former Italian currency
42. Association
43. Actress Verdon
47. Stress, as a syllable
49. Cheerful tune
50. Baiting leader
53. Body part
55. Birds in a gaggle
57. Curvy shape
58. Eternally
59. Weakness
61. Knight’s tunic
63. Antenna
67. Lacking reason
68. Long-poem division
69. Bestow
70. Alack’s partner
71. Sleep
72. Allot
74. Paving goo
76. Baltic, e.g.
79. Willie Winkie’s size
81. Imbibe
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Feds award contract to IONICS

By Bill Rea

Innovation is important, and the federal government is celebrating that. Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson was in Bolton recently to announce a contract has been entered into with IONICS Mass Spectrometry Group Inc. The contract is for \$590,233, and has been awarded under the Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP). Tilson was making the announcement on behalf of Public Works and Government Services Minister Diane Finley. “Amazing things can happen when you do things differently,” Tilson observed. “That’s what innovation is all about.” He said BCIP was created in 2012 to help small and medium-sized businesses, which he said are the backbone of the economy. Tilson observed that these businesses provide about 90 per cent of Canadian jobs. He added their output is huge, with some \$150 billion in exports in 2011. That accounts for about 41 per cent of Canadian exports. IONICS develops and produces innovative mass spectrometers, which detect trace amounts of chemicals present in samples. The company has received

the BCIP contract for its product, the 3Q 320 (Tilson was quick to dub it Marvin), which isolates and identifies early signs of disease in patients’ biological samples, such as blood, skin or hair, with up to 10 times more sensitivity than the industry standard. Tilson stressed the investment he was announcing was neither a subsidy or a grant. In facilitating production of this device, he said that will leave openings for feedback and evaluation. This is useful to business and helps with improvements to products. He added it will be tested through the National Research Council. Dr. Reza Javahery, president and CEO of IONICS, expressed his appreciation, commenting the company was lucky to be part of the program and to be in Bolton. He added such a commitment to technology is the “exact recipe for success,” adding the contract will allow their technology to be tested in the real world. He also thanked other members of the IONICS team. “You’re doing a great job,” Tilson replied. “Keep it up.”



Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson and “Marvin” were joined by IONICS Head of Research and Development Chuck Jolliffe, Vice-President of Business and Technology Dr. Lisa Cousins and President and CEO Dr. Reza Javahery.

Photo by Bill Rea



FISH FRY AT BOLTON UNITED

There were lots of hungry people out last Saturday night for the annual Fish Fry at Bolton United Church. Matthew Dunn was serving former Caledon councillor Patti Foley.

Photo by Bill Rea

Thompson said Town won’t be pushed around

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cial interests, and not based on sound planning policy or fiscal responsibility,” she commented, adding attitudes like that are why the Town is before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) so much. Seipt argued that facilitation is worth a try. She also said mixed use development, such as what has been put forth for Mayfield West is the way to go, not the piecemeal development that’s proposed for Bolton. She also stressed the need for the public to have input. “This is not a popularity contest or a political launching pad for re-election,” she commented. “This is a complicated matter which has ended up at the OMB and we have now been given the opportunity to facilitate a possible outcome.” She also said the public is on their side. “The truth is our group and its efforts have been strongly supported by the broader community,” Seipt said. “We are real members of the public.” Arvin Prasad, director of integrated planning for the Region, told Councillor Jenni-

fer Innis planning is different in Caledon, largely because of the Places to Grow legislation the province came out with in 2006. He said Mississauga is just about built out, and Brampton is close behind, while Caledon has considerable rural lands available for development. He said new numbers have been assigned by the Province which have to be conformed with, and there’s not as much local control as there was in the past. Crombie pointed out both Caledon and Mississauga are subject to the same Planning Act. Seipt told Crombie there are about 250 followers of Your Voice for Bolton on social media, and about 30 members who regularly show up at meetings. She added there are various sources of funding, such as holding events to raise money. There are some land owners providing financial support, she said, but “no large developers.” Councillor Annette Groves commented that council is committed to making sure there’s public engagement in the process, and she said she will make sure of that. Brampton Councillor John Sprovieri commented on Seipt’s call for mixed use development, stressing the need for a proper mix. He said putting residential development next to industrial is not the way to go. “People don’t like that,” he said, adding Your Voice for Bolton complained about the Canadian Tire development because it was too close to homes. Seipt said they have always advocated complete community planning, stating they want residential development near employment lands. The amended motion passed, with just Innis and Councillor Johanna Downey voting against it. “I felt it was totally premature,” Innis said later, adding the Region will be spending money for lawyers at both the facilitation and OMB. She also said the lands are in her ward, and she wants a full public process. Downey said she had problems with having the facilitator on the Mayfield West lands, as well as the lands in Bolton. “I don’t feel the two are connected,” she said. “Dealing with what we had, I think Caledon came out the best way we could possibly have come,” Thompson commented later. “I think we let them know that we’re not going to be pushed around.” He added he didn’t know if Caledon would vote to take part. “I have a great deal of respect for everyone’s opinion,” he said.

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Town looking at opportunities along GTA West Corridor

By Bill Rea

The status of farmland is on the minds of many as plans proceed for the GTA West Corridor which runs through Caledon.

Town councillors recently received an update on the land use study being conducted for the corridor and surrounding lands by Nick McDonald of Meridian Planning.

The corridor runs for about 50 kilometres, west from Highway 400, through Caledon, then south through Halton Region to the area of the interchange between Highway 401 and 407. The plan is it will eventually contain a 400-series highway, along with other transportation provisions.

McDonald said the Province has come up with a short list of possible routes for the highway, and that will have significant impacts on where Caledon's development goes in the future. He added that opens up opportunities, and the Town has to decide how it's going to take advantage of them.

The study McDonald's firm is conducting is aimed at facilitating discussion of the impacts and opportunities, which will enable the Town to comment on the Province's plans and respond to them.

McDonald told councillors to expect a 25-kilometre highway to have a right-of-way of up to 170 metres. A six-lane divided highway will cost almost \$500 million, not including interchanges. There will be

six to eight of those in Caledon, costing about \$25 million each. There would be additional costs for things like bridges, other road improvements, land acquisition, drainage improvements, etc.

Only about 15 per cent of the land in Caledon is available for urban development (the rest is subject to the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan). That works out to about 105 square kilometres. Assuming 50 persons and jobs per hectare, McDonald said straight math indicates another 525,000 people and jobs in the area.

He added that doesn't necessarily mean there will be such high population growth, also pointing out those figures could change. The three Provincial land use plans are up for review. He also didn't think the Greenbelt is likely to shrink as a result.

McDonald cited a number of examples of substantial urban growth in areas since 1970, including the densely populated lands, such as the area of Vaughan Mills and Canada's Wonderland, which are on what used to be a "sleepy country road."

There were other examples where growth has followed the path of highways, such as Highways 7 and 27 in Vaughan, in Markham along highway 407 and the employment growth around Highway 401 and Mississauga Road.

McDonald stressed there is a lot to think about, adding timing is critical. He

also said highways are always front and centre when it comes to such decision making.

Issues to be considered include the Greenbelt boundaries, which could change as a result of the review.

"It should certainly be an interesting ride over the next couple of years," McDonald observed. "It takes a long time to plan for growth. It's not a simple process."

Other factors include the location of prime agricultural land, which McDonald said takes up most of the study area. They will also have to consider existing and permanent land uses, such as cemeteries, the need to provide access for the transport of aggregates from pits along highways so they can avoid communities, the changes to driving patterns from the new highway, the current location of major employment areas (South Albion, Tullamore, Mayfield West), the nature of existing and future employment areas (should they be clustered?), and the need to plan for a complete and healthy community.

Councillor Annette Groves commented on the need to have proper mapping.

She also commented facilities like warehouses take up a lot of room, but don't provide much assessment or employment. She said consideration has to be given to where they go where they can have the least impact on residents.

Groves also pointed out a highway is an economic corridor, and people shouldn't

be housed next to one, as the road would impact on their health and quality of life.

Councillor Nick deBoer observed that the Greenbelt, when it was first designated, was to protect farmland, but it's resulted in growth to the north. He commented the Town's been dealt a card hand and is trying to do something with it.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli pointed to the need to give more consideration to agriculture, adding that's what people want in the community.

He also said big changes face Caledon and there needs to be a comprehensive visioning exercise involving consultation with the community.

As well, Mezzapelli argued that if the highway goes in, it should be kept close to the urban boundary.

He also observed that undeveloped land mitigates climate change, and that should be taken into account.

Mezzapelli observed no money has been set aside for the highway, and he was reluctant to set aside lands for employment until they know the where the road's going.

The Province is lacking foresight, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy charged, pointing there's been no consideration given to putting a hydro line in the corridor, and that should have been basic. She also said the government has been "gutless" for not moving on getting Highway 427 extended to the north.

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Editorial

Clearly a failed reform

A year ago, it was being hailed as a breakthrough, yet today it looks like a classically failed reform.

Passed last April, the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act was described at the time in the Toronto Star as bringing “a clear plan to a system that broke down so badly in 2012” when the provincial government imposed contracts on most of the province’s teachers.

In the wake of almost 10 years of an ad hoc and often confusing way of bargaining with teachers, the Act provided a clear plan for negotiations that spelled out roles and left less up to chance.

However, it was evidently based upon an assumption that the parties in the collective bargaining would easily achieve consensus. “This is groundbreaking legislation — and without a good process you have chaos,” Michael Barrett, president of the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association, the official bargaining agent for all English-language public boards in the province, said at the time.

After the Province took over education funding 16 years ago, school boards lost control over how much they had to spend and local talks often stalled. In 2005, the McGuinty government started holding unofficial “discussion tables” on big monetary items such as wages and benefits, to which the education minister of the day would invite the heads of the provincial unions and school board associations.

These back-room talks, while often successful, had no legal clout. And the parties were free to walk out, as the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) did three years ago.

The Act enshrined a two-tiered system of bargaining in which big-ticket items are to be hammered out provincially between the teachers’ unions, school board associations and the provincial government.

Under the Act, all three parties must agree to any tentative agreement and the negotiations must follow the rules of proper labour law. Unions can still go on strike and school boards can still lock them out, although each must give five days’ notice. Non-monetary issues like workload and school transfer policies are negotiated at the local level.

Education Minister Liz Sandals said at the time that the government made changes to the original legislation after consulting school boards and unions “and it’s quite clear now that the government has a requirement to bargain in good faith.”

Perhaps signalling what was to come, Paul Elliott, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF), warned that teachers will be looking for “fair and reasonable” bargaining after all the education restraints in recent years, claiming the government had saved \$900 million in the previous two years through cuts to sick days and the salary grid and imposing unpaid days off.

But ETFO president Sam Hammond hailed the “clear roles and responsibilities for the three parties at the central bargaining table” and the fact the government lacked the power to dictate which items were up for negotiation.

So what has happened as a result of the reform? We’re faced with a breakdown in the provincial-level talks and a high school teachers’ strike that started this week in Durham Region and is expected to spread quickly to at least another half-dozen jurisdictions, including Peel Region.

Interestingly, teachers’ strikes never happened in the era of the one-room school, and seldom occurred following the formation of area school districts and county boards of education.

Teaching in those eras may not have been of the highest quality, particularly in rural Ontario, but no student faced the prospect of loss of a year or failure to qualify for admission to a university because of a teachers’ strike.

As we see it, the time has come to have education declared an essential public service, with impasses of the sort currently being experienced being overcome by mandatory arbitration.

Our Readers Write

Canadians must oppose Bill C-51

I oppose Bill C-51 for numerous reasons. The primary one is that it violates our fundamental right to privacy and freedom.

If this bill passes, our private information would be shared with no fewer than 17 government agencies and even with foreign governments. That private information includes everything from our financial status, sexual orientation, religious and political beliefs, even our medical history.

People would not be informed of this sharing of information, thus Bill C-51 gives the government permission to spy on anyone, at anytime.

Seventy-one per cent of Canadians do not want to trade their privacy rights to give “secret police” agencies more power. More than 110,000 people have already spoken out in petitions and marches across Canada. Before Canadians knew what was in Bill C-51, 17 per cent opposed it. Now the more Canadians learn about what’s in this bill, their opinion is changing to oppose it so quickly it makes me wonder what was Harper thinking.

He even admitted to the ineffectiveness of dragnet surveillance. The government has admitted Bill C-51 is fundamentally flawed.

Please add your voice to its withdrawal from the legislation. The bill is dangerous because it opens the door for violations of our Charter Rights, including censorship of free expression in demonstrations and online. Canadians have had to raise their voice against FIPA and the TTP, now for Bill C-51. Why is the federal government hell bent on impeding on our rights and freedom? When will this stop?

Meera Boodhoo,
Orangeville

It happened today

He was Canada’s Prime Minister during the country’s centennial celebrations, and he also had the distinction of winning the Nobel Peace Prize before becoming a politician.
Lester B. Pearson was born this day, April 23, 1897.

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Results from last week's poll:
Now that the baseball season has started, do you think the Toronto Blue Jays are going to make the playoffs this year?

a) Yes

40%

b) No

60%

Should municipal councils recite prayers at the start of their meetings?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.



Waiting can be a pain

There is an expression many, if not most, of us are familiar with, which roughly goes, “Hurry up and wait.”

It’s one of those sort of nonsensical terms that pops into our collective heads whenever we’re sitting around doing nothing. Either whatever it is we’re waiting for has been delayed, or we’ve been delayed getting there. It simply boils down to the reality that we all spend a certain amount of our time sitting around doing nothing. Most of you, like me, can find more productive things to do with time than wait.

I don’t think I could be called a patient man. I think I like waiting a lot less than most people, although I’m enough of a realist to know that it sometimes has to be endured — Not enjoyed, mind you, but endured.

Hang around enough municipal council meetings, you will find yourself doing a certain amount of waiting. Sometimes, you sit around listening to meaningless procedural debates (I once saw a board full of school trustees spend some 90 minutes trying to approve their agenda. I think that one’s pretty tough to beat). There are other times when you will have to put up with a politician or deputation who takes five minutes to make about 30 seconds worth of point.

Meetings are sometimes late starting, but the fact is that doesn’t happen very often, and when it does, there’s usually a pretty reasonable explanation.

It’s the in-camera (or closed) sessions that can be annoying and sometimes long.

I’ve been in this business long enough to appreciate that in-camera sessions are essential, under certain circumstances, such as when there are legal matters being discussed. Few of us would want our consultations with our lawyers made public, and municipalities have the same right. The general public is also not allowed to know about personnel issues, negotiations and the like.

A former boss of mine retired from this business some years ago, and he got himself elected to council in the municipality in which he was living. I bumped into him some time later, observing that he now gets to know what goes on in-camera. He responded with an exasperated growl, “Those are the most boring parts of the whole meeting.”

If the participants are bored, think what it’s like for the poor common folk waiting in the halls.

That’s what went on at the April 9 meeting of Peel Regional council.

I was there, so I know it was a crucial issue that was being discussed, namely the Bolton expansion study. It was Mayor Allan Thompson who asked that council go in-camera. That was all logical. The problem was they spent some 90 minutes behind closed doors. Business is business, but it also meant a lot of people spent those 90 minutes hanging around the hall outside the Regional Council Chambers.

I was lucky. I had my trusty laptop, so I could at least get some work done. Most of the people displaced from the Council Chambers had little else to do but chat. I guess since most of the impacted folks have had experience with this sort of thing, there was a certain amount of acceptance. Most of the conversations I overheard seemed rather light-hearted.

On the other hand, what else could these people have done?

It was one of those periods of prolonged waiting that come up from time to time.

Like I indicated, they are annoying, but not too terribly frequent.

Alas, something similar occurred the following Tuesday at the Caledon council meeting, although members of the public like me weren’t kicked out of the Chambers, and the session didn’t last 90 minutes.

They do things different in Caledon. Instead of asking the public to get out of the Chambers, it’s the councillors that excuse themselves to another meeting room. And this time, they were only out for a little more than an hour.

Again, with the help of my laptop, I was able to make the hour pretty productive (I had several stories to write, and I even got started on this column during that hour), but I felt sorry for the other people who were inconvenienced.

So in my case, some of the waits I have to endure are unavoidable. But if I can find a way to avoid waits, I’ll usually explore them.

For example, at lunch time, if I go to one of the fast food places for a sandwich and find myself at the end of a long lineup, I’ll usually leave and either find someplace to get some food, or go back to my office and worry about lunch later. It all depends on how hungry I am and what, if anything, I have a hankering for.

And then there are always the unexpected waits.

When you’re in a store with multiple checkout lines, you always pick the

one you think is going to part you with your money and get you out of the store fastest. Picking the shortest line seems to make the most sense, and that’s what most of us usually do. But have we not also had the experience of picking the short line and find things stalled up ahead?

Sometimes, it’s just one person causing the hold-up, obliging those behind in line to experience an unanticipated wait.

I experienced such a situation last week. I stopped for gas at a local station, filled my tank, and then went inside to pay. There was a man ahead of me at the counter, and he proved to be quite a bottleneck in the proceedings. I was in a bit of a hurry, so I found it somewhat annoying.

He was told he was being charged \$48.01 for the gas he had just pumped into his vehicle, but he maintained that the gauge on the pump had read \$48-even, meaning he was concerned that he was being gouged for one cent. He also commented that he realized it wasn’t a big deal, but more a matter of principle. Thus I was being delayed over a matter of principle involving one cent.

The idea of reaching into my pocket for a penny to plunk on the counter and end this foolishness occurred to me, but I abandoned it. For one thing, thanks to Stephen Harper and company, I no longer carry pennies. Besides, there would have been the question as to whether I had any business butting in. On the other hand, the gent in question was sort of making it my business by forcing me to stand in line and wait while this drama unfolded.

In the end, the staff of the station did the only sensible thing they could, namely the adjusted the machine and charged him \$48.

Out of curiosity, as I left the station, I went over to the pump this guy had used to see what the amount was on the gauge. It was \$48.01.

While I was a little annoyed that this joker had held me up, I did find the issue rather amusing.

I hope the man puts the money he saved to good use. It’s never too early to start setting aside money for one’s RRSP.



Bill Rea

Government opening new markets for business in Canada

Small and medium-sized businesses represent 99 per cent of all businesses in our great country and account for nearly 90 per cent of jobs in the private sector.

Indeed, Canadians rely on small and medium-sized enterprises to make a living and help make ends meet.

This is why our government has announced a number of new measures to help these businesses expand, create jobs and explore new export opportunities for their goods and services around the world.

One such measure is a new export market development program. This program will provide direct financial assistance to entrepreneurs who are pursuing new export opportunities and markets, especially in high-growth, emerging markets. It has the potential to assist between 500 and 1,000 Canadian exporters per year.

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In addition, the Canadian Trade Commission Service (TCS) will receive new staffing and programming resources to further assist Canadians doing business with the world. With 160 trade offices in Canada and around the world, TCS does important work, such as providing export advice and guidance to entrepreneurs. In

addition, this new expansion will provide the opportunity to add new trade commissioners in priority markets going forward. These announcements build on our government's strong record of support for small and medium-sized business. We've kept taxes low, maintained the freeze on Employment Insurance premiums, and

worked to reduce red tape and administrative burdens.

Meanwhile, with one in five jobs directly dependent on exports, these announced measures also build on our government's support for trade.

Since 2006, we've concluded trade agreements or concluded negotiations of trade agreements with 38 countries, bringing the total to 43. This includes our agreement with the European Union, which is the world's largest economy and the world's largest importing market for goods. Indeed, our government has delivered the most ambitious pro-trade plan in our country's history.

Our government is helping create jobs and opportunities for hard-working Canadians by delivering results for small and medium-sized businesses.

Progressive Conservatives have items they want to see in budget

The Ontario Budget is expected to be released today (Thursday).

My Progressive Conservative colleagues and I have asked this government to make commitments in five key areas that we believe will make Ontario a better place to live and work.

The government needs to back off implementing the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP). This new payroll tax will further increase the cost of doing business in Ontario. The CFIB and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce have said that businesses in Ontario can't afford a mandatory pension plan, adding an additional 1.9 per cent in the form of a payroll tax.

FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Sylvia Jones MPP Dufferin-Caledon



manage your retirement savings better than individuals is naïve at best.

My PC colleagues and I have also recommended the Wynne Liberals shelve their carbon tax proposal. The government recently announced they intend to implement a "cap-and-trade program," which is simply another name for a carbon tax. This government's history shows we can't believe their carbon tax will accomplish any objective other than picking the pockets of hard working Ontarians and businesses.

homecare in Ontario by dealing with the underlying issues at the Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) across the province. Currently the CCAC's are too often not able to assist people who have been discharged from hospitals and need some medical assistance. I have heard from too many constituents who have been refused help while management and administrative costs continue to rise. Many of these patients are being told there simply isn't enough money to care for them. We believe there should be better planning and more localized care in Ontario.

This government needs to commit to stabilizing energy rates for individuals and

businesses in Ontario. Ontario already has some of the highest energy rates in all of North America, and there seems to be no relief in sight with the recent announcement that the average household hydro bill will increase by another \$137 per year starting in 2016. This government must stop tinkering with Ontario's energy sector, as shown by wind and solar subsidy programs or the \$2 billion wasted on the Smart Meter Program.

Finally, we are asking the Wynne Liberal government to prepare a detailed plan on how they intend to balance the budget by 2017-2018. This government continues to claim they will balance the books by this date, but they have not released a plan of how they will do so. A number of credit rating agencies and the Auditor General have warned the government to get their financial affairs in order, but the government continues to ignore these calls for action. My PC colleagues and I believe this government needs a plan that is financially responsible and transparent so all Ontarians can access their commitment to reign in over-spending.

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The ORPP will also result in less take home pay, since employees will also be forced to contribute 1.9 per cent of their salary. Suggesting that government can

cannot afford, and will only cause further damage to the problem of skyrocketing energy rates in Ontario.

We also requested the government fix

Carbon initiative another tax grab



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

It is to weep.

Once again, under the guise of securing a better world for our children and grandchildren, Premier Kathleen Wynne is trotting out the old scam that a cap-and-trade system on carbon – in cooperation with Quebec and California – will help save the planet.

Funny thing, a lot of people buy into this nonsense.

Here's the truth: if Wynne shut down the entire province and took all the cars off the road it would cut global emissions by – wait for it – a miniscule 0.5 per cent.

Even if you believe – perhaps with fingers crossed – that humans are the main culprits for climate change (which, if true, makes me wonder where the glaciers went that used to cover this part of the world) – the fact is that this phony eco initiative is just another tax grab.

I actually wouldn't mind so much if Wynne had the basic decency to call it what it is – another way for her profligate government to skim money from Mr. and Mrs. Beleaguered Taxpayer.

But no such luck.

You'll perhaps recall the grandly named Green Energy Act in 2009 when former premier Dalton McGuinty and then energy minister George Smitherman announced a series of green initiatives that they claimed would create 50,000 jobs.

We all know how that turned out. A 2011 report by then auditor-general Jim McCarter concluded that a)- the majority of jobs created were in temporary construction; and b)- for each green job created between two and four jobs were lost because of skyrocketing electricity costs.

While the big polluters – China and India – forge full-speed-ahead generating cheap electricity with coal-fired plants – the electricity source the Liberals have continued to shut down – manufacturing plants have continued to leave Ontario in favour of jurisdictions where electricity prices can keep them competitive within their industries.

Add to that the reality that you'll be paying another three cents or so for you gas and your home heating fuel, and you should know that you're being conned once more into the false notion that this

tax will make an impact on global emissions. It won't. Period.

Before the aforementioned Green Energy Act, Ontario generated more than 60 per cent of its energy with zero greenhouse gas emissions.

That's right, zero. But that wasn't good enough for the Liberals, so they decided to waste billions of your tax dollars on ill-conceived notions such as wind generation and other madcap schemes which have made no perceptible impact on emissions but have certainly made an impact on your monthly heating and traveling costs.

People aren't going to stop driving their cars or heating their homes because the government is slapping another tax on top of existing taxes. We still have to get where we have to get. And we still have cold winters which can't be met by shutting down thermostats and donning indoor parkas to keep warm.

The Toronto Star, as you'd expect, was absolutely delighted with Wynne's plan, congratulating her for "getting serious about curbing greenhouse gases that feed climate change" and, just as predictably, knocking Prime Minister Stephen Harper for not going along with this plan.

"Climate change needs to be fought around the globe," said Wynne. "And it needs to be fought here."

Except, of course, her scheme will, as we've pointed out above, have virtually no impact on anything beyond your wallet or purse. In the world of carbon emitters, Ontario – and Canada for that matter – is a bit player. In the world of taxation, however, the Ontario Liberals are major leaguers. But then, in order to pay for their well-documented spending follies, they have to be big time tax grabbers. Their only other option would be to reel in spending but, being Liberals, that's out of the question.

And so Wynne – cheered on by the usual suspects – sells yet another tax – which could generate up to \$2 billion a year for her to waste – cloaked in the cynical notion that it will make a difference to the world's climate.

It will not.

Then again, we re-elected the Liberals, so it's not realistic to expect anything else from them.

And if you can convince yourself that doling out more taxes for the Liberals is your contribution to a better world, then dream on Alice. Wonderland is just around the corner.

By Skid Crease

Another year passes and another Earth Day rolls around, full of hope and inspiration and the promise of a brighter future. But it's more like the old Merle Travis coal miner's lament, "Sixteen Tons": "You load sixteen tons, what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt, St. Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go.

I owe my soul to the company store." Those 16 tons of coal are now 37 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide and methane and nitrous oxides spewed into the atmosphere every year. Just to put that into perspective for us, there are a trillion tons in a gigatonne, so our 16 tons has become 37,000,000,000 tonnes in the span of a century. Yeah, Merle, I'd say we're way over our credit limit.

It's been a long time since those Kentucky coals mines were the engine of employment and energy. But the carbon dioxide released in the burning of so much plentiful coal is probably one of the major reasons we celebrate Earth Day today. That and a book by Rachel Carson called Silent Spring.

While we were making the transition from coal to oil, the chemical industry, driven by the adrenaline of world wars, was in full swing putting together combinations of every industrial by-product and extract they could test to help our syphilis and quickly and our crops grow faster. Concerns about the residual effects of all those new chemicals, and the materials released into the waste stream during their production, weren't really a consideration. We were all well fed, healthy (we thought) and business was booming.

And then Silent Spring was published. The chemical industry responded with brute force and indignation, and like the old tobacco lobby and the petrochemical industry today, denied that there was anything harmful about their production process or their products. Like CFCs and DDT, these miracle compounds were all helping us "live better through chemistry," a concept the residents of Bopal, India, still question.

So, between the rock and the hard place of carbon and chemicals, Earth Day was born, and it was a difficult birth. The original day was conceived by John McConnell at a 1969 UNESCO conference in San Francisco and championed by renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead to take place each year on the March spring equinox.

That was a little too chilly for mass public gatherings in most of the U.S., so Senator Gaylord Nelson hired young law student Denis Hayes to bring Earth Day to the masses April 22 in 1970. Fueled by the

success of anti-Vietnam war protests, it was a resounding success that captured the American imagination, and the movement became a global success.

It is now observed in 175 countries, and coordinated by the nonprofit Earth Day Network, according to which Earth Day is now "the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a half billion people every year."

So as the more popular Earth Day 2015 came and went, how are we doing in our local and global progress? Global carbon emissions from fossil fuels have significantly increased since 1900. Emissions increased by more than 16 times between 1900 and 2008 and by about 1.5 times between 1990 and 2008. Hmmm . . . once again over budget.

According to the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Centre (CDIAC) and the Global Carbon Project:

- In 2013, global CO2 emissions due to fossil fuel use (and cement production) were 36 gigatonnes (GtCO2); this is 61 per cent higher than 1990 (the Kyoto Protocol reference year) and 2.3 per cent higher than 2012.
- In 2014, global CO2 emissions are projected to increase by an additional 2.5 per cent over the 2013 level (to 37 gigatonnes).
- China, the U.S.A., and the E.U. still win the gold, silver and bronze medals for CO2 emissions, with Canada contributing only two per cent to the global total. So it's not the quantity of our contribution that matters, it is the quality of our resolve to be part of the bigger picture that is our home planet.

Every year for a week we clean up parks and backyards and roadsides, we turn down our lights, we recycle properly, we buy locally, we drive our cars properly for just a week. And then we forget because life in Canada is generally pretty good. Unless you don't have proper sewage treatment or drinking water, but Canada's apartheid treatment of its First Nations is another story.

We may naturalize a local schoolyard or park, maintain a local trail system, or even write our local MP to wake up and smell the 21st century. But then we go back to leaving our trucks idling in the No-Parking Zone outside of the convenience store, or leaving our cars idling to warm up or cool down, or driving our Hummers five kilometres to the local shopping mall for that one small purchase that costs us all so much.

Earth Day is much more than a day. It is a way of life. And the sooner we all begin to celebrate its importance all year, the longer our children, and all living things, will thank us.



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Caledon tennis player ends NCAA season atop Division I rankings

By Jake Courtepatte

While these days, tennis player Erin Routliffe may roll tide, her roots in the sport are grounded with the Caledon Tennis Club.

The 20-year old earned the number-one overall ranking in NCAA Division 1 doubles last week for the University of Alabama Crimson Tide, along with her partner Maya Jansen.

Routliffe and Jansen are the first doubles team in the history of the program to reach number-one in the rankings in back-to-back seasons. What's more amazing is they were the first Crimson Tide team ever to earn the top spot in 2014.

They'll now be looking to continue making history in the NCAA Championships, which the pair handily won 6-1 and 6-0 over Georgia last season. And they seem destined to repeat this year.

Carrying a commanding 18-1 record

for the dual match season, the pair have quickly climbed the NCAA rankings since only meeting for the first time in Routliffe's freshman season last year. Jansen was a sophomore at the time.

The two come from vastly different backgrounds — the American Jansen had a tennis coach for a father, while her siblings shared her love for the sport from day one.

While Routliffe first picked up a racket at the age of six, two years after moving to her hometown of Caledon. She was born in New Zealand, while her parents were sailing around the world. Her first tennis event was a free competition for kids at the Caledon Tennis Club.

At 16, she spent time at the national training centre with the hopes of going pro after a successful collegiate career. Four years later, she's right on track while setting program records with the

Crimson Tide.

"Maya Jansen and Erin Routliffe are undoubtedly the most potent, the most lethal and the most talented doubles team that's ever played at Alabama," said head coach Jenny Mainz. "When they make the decision that they're going to dominate on the court, good luck to whoever is playing them."

Routliffe is also ranked 39th in singles

competition.

Outside of collegiate play, Routliffe has already made waves on the junior international circuit. She has competed in all four junior Grand Slams, reaching the quarter-finals in both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in doubles in 2012.

The dominating pair will be heading to Texas in mid-May in hopes of repeating as national collegiate champions.

Tennis Club registration April 25

The Caledon Tennis Club will be holding its Registration Day April 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Caledon Village Place.

Caledon Tennis Club Professional Joanna Phang will be in attendance to answer questions about tennis programs. Come and sign

up for organized programs, lessons and fun. It's open to all, from juniors to seniors. Enjoy a whole summer of tennis for the family. Beginners are definitely welcome.

For more information, visit: <http://caledontennisclub.weebly.com/>

Wallace wins award for top batter

The North Dufferin Baseball League doled out 2014 season awards Sunday in Lisle during a lunch and meeting.

Taking top honours in the junior division was Josh Wilkins of the Barrie Red Sox, winning awards for best batter, best on-base percentage and most runs scored. Orillia's Nathan Dix picked up the Most Valuable Player award while Jamie Hanna of Creemore Barons was the Most Sportsmanlike Player.

A tie between five players for most home runs included Paul Bishop of Ivy Rangers, Ricky Darrell of Creemore Barons, Chris Fafalios of Aurora Jays, Jon Grootveld of Barrie Red Sox, and Brett Scott of the Rangers.

Best pitcher for the juniors was Devon Wu of the Aurora Jays.

The senior division batting awards went to Mike Wallace of the Bolton Brewers, earning the best batter and best on-base percentage award. Teammate Brett Chater had the most runs scored during the regular season.

Top pitching honours went to Brad Greiveson of the Ivy Leafs. Most Valuable Player was teammate Todd Gowan who also won the most home runs award. Mansfield Cubs' Tyler Linger was selected as the Most Sportsmanlike Player while his teammate Rob Kinsely, Aurora Jays' Fab Dolan, and Midland Indians' Jason Seeler received the best catcher award in a three-way tie.

For the second consecutive year, Rob

Wilson and Michael Keon of the Aurora Jays won the coach of the year award.

During the event, a President's Award was presented to Gord Dunn. The award is a prestigious honour for dedication to the league and the sport of baseball. Dunn previously served as statistician in the 1980s, served a three-year term on the executive, and has been an umpire for four decades. He played his baseball career in Lisle.

Dunn thanked current and past players and fans in his acceptance speech. He noted previous recipients of the award and was taken back by the surprise.

"To be lumped in with those guys is a pretty special feeling," Dunn said.

Dunn was the eighth person to receive the award since its inception in 1984.

The league held their annual general meeting after the awards presentation. Five-time champs Bolton Brewers have requested a one-year leave of absence and another Creemore senior team was accepted for the 2015 season.

Chris Esson joins as the new vice president. Sean Hayward moves to past president and Jesse McIntyre is the president. Scott Anderson and Dan Gowan return as secretary and treasurer respectively. Pete Kinghan was acclaimed as statistician as was Vance White in the York-Simcoe representative position.

The senior division will play a 26-game schedule while the juniors have a 21-game schedule. Opening day is set for May 2.



Gord Dunn receives a President's Award at the North Dufferin Baseball League awards and lunch in Lisle. Dunn accepted his award from president Sean Hayward for his decades of service to the league as a player, coach, executive member and umpire.

Photo by David Anderson



Erin Routliffe (right) high-fives her doubles partner Maya Jansen. The pair were ranked tops in doubles tennis in the NCAA's Division I for the second straight year.

Photo courtesy of University of Alabama Athletics



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name:
SEAN FASOYIRO

School:
**MAYFIELD
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

The 16-year-old contributed his skills as point and shooting guard for the senior boys' basketball team, which went undefeated until the quarter-finals, when they lost by one point to Philip Pocock Secondary School. He was also a cornerback on the senior football team, and is thinking of going out for track in the spring, specializing in hurdles or long jump. In the community, he plays basketball for Hoops Canada Elite in Brampton. The Grade 11 student lives in Strawberry Fields with his parents Jeff and Laura Fasoyiro.



Name:
CAMERON LAVOIE

School:
**ROBERT F. HALL
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

This Grade 10 student was a defenceman on the varsity hockey team that finished second at OFSAA. Away from school, he plays AAA hockey for the Halton Hurricanes, as well as house league lacrosse in the Brampton Attack organization. The 16-year-old lives in Caledon East with his parents Joe-Anne and Luc Lavoie.



Name:
VICTORIA NIGRO

School:
**ST. MICHAEL
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

This 18-year-old is a dancer, and part of the school's Arts Advantage Dance Program, as well as the After School Angels Inc. Dance Ensemble. She said their end of the year recital is coming up. She's been dancing with Sondra's Tri Dance Company in Bolton since she was three. The Grade 12 student lives in Bolton with her parents Wendy and Nick Nigro.



Name:
**KASSIDY
MCMULLIN**

School:
**HUMBERVIEW
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This Grade 11 student is getting ready to show her stuff as a prop or flanker on the senior girls' rugby team. "We put up a good fight," she commented, referring to the squad's first exhibition game. She also played wing on the senior girls' basketball team in the fall, and was on the senior girls' volleyball team. Away from school, she used to play basketball in the Caledon Cougars' organization, as well as figure skate. The 16-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Rosemary and Glenn McMullin.



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Caledon launches town-wide consultation for parks and recreation

At the halfway point in its parks and recreation master plan, Caledon's Parks and Recreation department has launched the Imagine. Plan. Play! campaign.

This is a visioning exercise to check the state of municipal recreation services, both today and into the future. It will also seek community input on ways to fund increased services, and develop a planning strategy to meet the wishes identified by the community.

"Parks and recreation services contribute to the very fabric of any community," Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson observed. "I encourage everyone to be involved in this visioning exercise. We want to hear

your answers to some tough questions, including how are we doing; what do we need to start doing, or stop doing; and how do we pay for increased and enhanced services?"

Over the next two months, there are a number of ways for the public to participate.

Town-wide public workshops have been scheduled, online surveys, paper surveys, a telephone survey and social media campaigns will be used to collect input and generate conversations. Visit www.caledon.ca/imagineplanplay to learn more or follow #imagineplanplay and join the conversations.

"The recreation and parks master plan, a 10-year planning document, was adopted in 2010 with the recommendation that a mid-way check-in be conducted to assess the relevance of the recommendations," commented Director of Parks and Recreation Laura Johnston.

"Given some of the recent significant developments, such as the closure of the Caledon Central Pool, the addition of the Palgrave Community Hall at the Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park, and the need to start planning for a facility for Mayfield West, the timing of this consultation couldn't be more perfect."

Caledon maintains 71 parks, 47 play-

grounds, 43 sports fields and more than 40 kilometres of trails that were visited by over 30,000 people last year.

The Town operates 12 recreation centres, provides year-round programs and hosts more than 1.2 million visitors each year.

Caledon's parks and recreation department delivers key community events, including the Walk of Fame, Caledon Community Recognition Night, Caledon Day, and this year is leading the community toward the Pan Am Games in Caledon.

The Imagine. Plan. Play! campaign runs until mid-June, with the final report and presentation to council in July.

Doc Gillies' custom-built Jag to be auctioned at May 2 Gala

By Tabitha Wells

Anyone who has spent a number of years in the Dufferin-Caledon area knows about local legend Doc Gillies.

Along with being a prominent member of the business community for years, he has also had a hand in many community groups, projects and benefit organizations like the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"Doc has been a very long time supporter of the hospital," said Nicole Hand, manager of Annual Giving for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "He has always rallied behind us as a strong fundraiser and supporter for many years."

Over the years, Gillies has graduated from the Foundation's Board to the Foundation's Senate, which Hand described as a group of individuals who are no longer part of the board, but are still heavily involved with the foundation.

Recently, Gillies informed the Headwaters Health Care Foundation that he wanted to do something special for the Foundation, as it's the final year of their \$16-million Commitment to Care Campaign.

In 2003, Gillies purchased a custom-made Jaguar; an upgrade for him and his wife Nancy to drive around town in during the summer, or to attend special events.

Being a 25-year veteran and past chairman of the Ford Dealers Council, Gillies was known and revered as a prominent member of the Ford Dealer Family, so when he finally decided on a specific car, Ken Harrigan, a former president of Ford Canada, provided him with a discount on the vehicle.

This special vehicle, which quickly became like another child to Gillies, was the first vehicle he owned that wasn't white. Although it was his original choice, Gil-

Connelly leather interior in a sand colour, all-wheel drive, heated seats, dual exhaust, an additional weather package, and 17-inch Mag wheels.



lies's daughter encouraged him to go with something more fun, and thus the Carnival Red Jaguar came to be in his possession.

Along with the colour request, the vehicle was built to his specifications, with

"He approached us and said that he wanted to give us his baby, a 2006 Jaguar, to auction off," said Hand. "Now that he can no longer drive, he wanted it to go to a new home that would appreciate it, and thought what better way to find it a

new home than through our annual Gala."

The vehicle is currently available for viewing at MacMaster Buick GMC, where interested parties can also make a sealed bid.

"Everything is there for people to go view," said Hand. "All the original manuals, bill of sale — everything that anyone would want to know about the Jaguar is available at MacMaster. Anyone who wants to make a sealed bid can also go and talk to Danny Brackett."

The starting bid amount for the vehicle is \$15,000, and the auction will be through sealed bidding until May 1, when the highest bidder will be selected and invited to the 18th annual Headwaters Health Care Foundation Gala May 2. There, as part of their live auction, the vehicle will be auctioned as the featured item, where the highest sealed bidder will be able to go head to head with any other interested parties.

"We are really thrilled with this generous and amazing gift," said Hand. "The car is in mint condition; it's never seen rain, snow, or salt. It's so clean you could eat off the engine. I have no doubt in my mind that this Jaguar is going to go to someone who really appreciates it."

All of the proceeds will go to support the \$16 million Commitment to Care Campaign through the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, and the sale of the car and all it entails being sponsored by MacMaster Buick GMC.

The 18th Annual Gala will be held May 2, 2014 at Hockley Valley Resort. To view the Jaguar or make an inquiry about making a sealed bid, contact Danny Brackett at 519-941-1360.

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Town and Region release what councillors were paid

By Bill Rea
It's not bad work if you can get it. The hours can be long, there's plenty of public scrutiny and the job holders have seek permission of the electorate to stay in the position every four years. But the money is pretty good too. Both the Town of Caledon and Region of Peel have released their reports on what the respective bodies paid to municipal councillors in 2014. Not surprisingly, former mayor Marolyn Morrison made the most, as far as Caledon's representation was concerned. All things, considered, she made more than \$146,000 for the roughly 11 months she was on the job (Morrison did not run in last fall's election).

Factoring in their whole packages, both Mayor Allan Thompson and the late Richard Whitehead were above the \$100,000 mark. Whitehead was defeated in his bid for re-election in the fall, as well former Regional councillors Richard Paterak and Patti Foley. Both Paterak and Foley fell short of the \$100,000 level.

Morrison was paid a salary of 60,360 for the time she was in office at the Town. In addition to that, she received \$2,637.73 to cover statutory benefit costs, \$3,654.84 in pension costs, \$4,137.88 in other benefit costs, \$11,897.72 in expenses and \$4,921.35 in mileage, for a total package from the Town of \$87,609.52. On top of that, the Region paid her a salary of \$49,828.98, along with \$9,055.62 in benefits and \$462.54 to cover conferences and other expenses.

Investigation leads to arrest

A 38-year-old man from Brampton is facing charges after a Caledon OPP investigation into the theft of gas cards from unlocked vehicles at the compounds of a Bolton transportation company.

Police report the investigation started Jan. 9 after the overnight theft. Information was received that the gas cards had been used in the Milton area and a positive identification was made. Officers from the Street Crime Unit began an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a male late last month.

He has been charged with fraud under \$5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime.

Her total remuneration came to \$146,956.66. Thompson was paid a salary by the Town, including an increase during the last month, after he had been sworn in as mayor. His total salary was \$31,734.80, along with \$1,297.73 in statutory benefits, 1,921.59 in pension costs, \$4,280.99 in other benefits, \$5,999.08 in expenses, \$6,788.83 in mileage, \$75 in other remuneration and \$18.40 in other expenses for a total of \$52,116.42 from the Town. His Regional package included a salary of \$54,472.61 and \$9,791 in benefits. As well, Thompson received \$583.84 for representing the Region on Credit Valley Conservation and \$174.72 in expenses.

His total package amounted to \$117,138.59. Paterak received a salary of \$26,704.80 from the Town, as well as \$348.39 in benefits, \$1,616.89 in pension costs, \$3,900.06 in other benefits, \$1,434.58 in expenses and \$4,161.45 in mileage for a total of \$38,166.17 from the Town. His Regional package included \$49,828.98 in salary, \$6,458.21 in benefits and \$3,977.90 for conferences and other expenses, for a grand total of \$98,431.26.

Whitehead received \$26,704.80 in salary from the Town, along with \$348.39 in statutory benefits, \$3,900.06 in other benefits, \$5,640.77 in expenses and \$3,800.46 in mileage for a total of \$40,394.48 from the Town. His package from the Region included \$49,828.98 in salary, \$1,995.36 in benefits and \$6,931.21 in conferences and other expenses. In addition, Whitehead received \$1,645.78 for representing the Region on Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and \$935 in other ex-



penses. The grand total of his remuneration came to \$101,730.81. Foley's salary from the Town came to \$26,704.80, plus \$1,077.85 in statutory benefits, \$1,616.89 in pension costs, \$3,900.06 in other benefits, \$2,506 in expenses and \$1,556 in mileage for a total of \$37,361.60 from the Town. Her Regional stipend came to \$49,828.98 in salary, \$1,945.34 in benefits and \$40 for conferences and other expenses, making her total package come out at \$89,175.92. As far as the area councillors were concerned, the four of them were paid salaries of \$28,930.20 (all four were successful in their re-election bids). In addition, Doug Beffort received \$377.42 in statutory benefits, \$1,751.69 in pension benefits, \$4,260.37 in other benefits, \$4,012.88 in expenses and \$2,562.72 in mileage, for a total package of \$41,895.29. Gord McClure's package included \$1,167.70 in statutory benefits, \$1,751.69

in pension costs, \$1,829.37 in other benefits, \$3,193.14 in expenses and \$5,072.63 in mileage for a total of \$41,944.73. On top of his salary, Nick deBoer received \$1,167.70 in statutory benefits, \$1,751.69 in pension costs, \$4,260.37 and in other benefits, \$1,093.17 in expenses. The total for him came to \$37,203.13. The package received by Rob Mezzapelli included \$1,167.70 in statutory benefits, \$1,751.69 in pension costs, \$4,260.37 in other benefits, \$2,890.02 in expenses and \$2,252.25 in mileage for a total of \$41,252.23. The four new Regional councillors each received \$2,225.40 in salary for the one month they were on the job, as well as \$89.85 in statutory benefits, \$134.80 in pension costs and \$360.31 in other benefits. Barb Shaughnessy received \$265.46 for mileage and Jennifer Innis got \$11.48. The four of them also received \$4,643.63 in salaries from the Region, and \$733.85 in benefits. Annette Groves also got \$45.37 for conferences and expenses.

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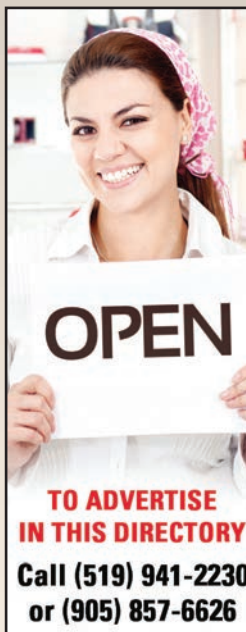
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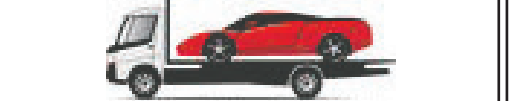
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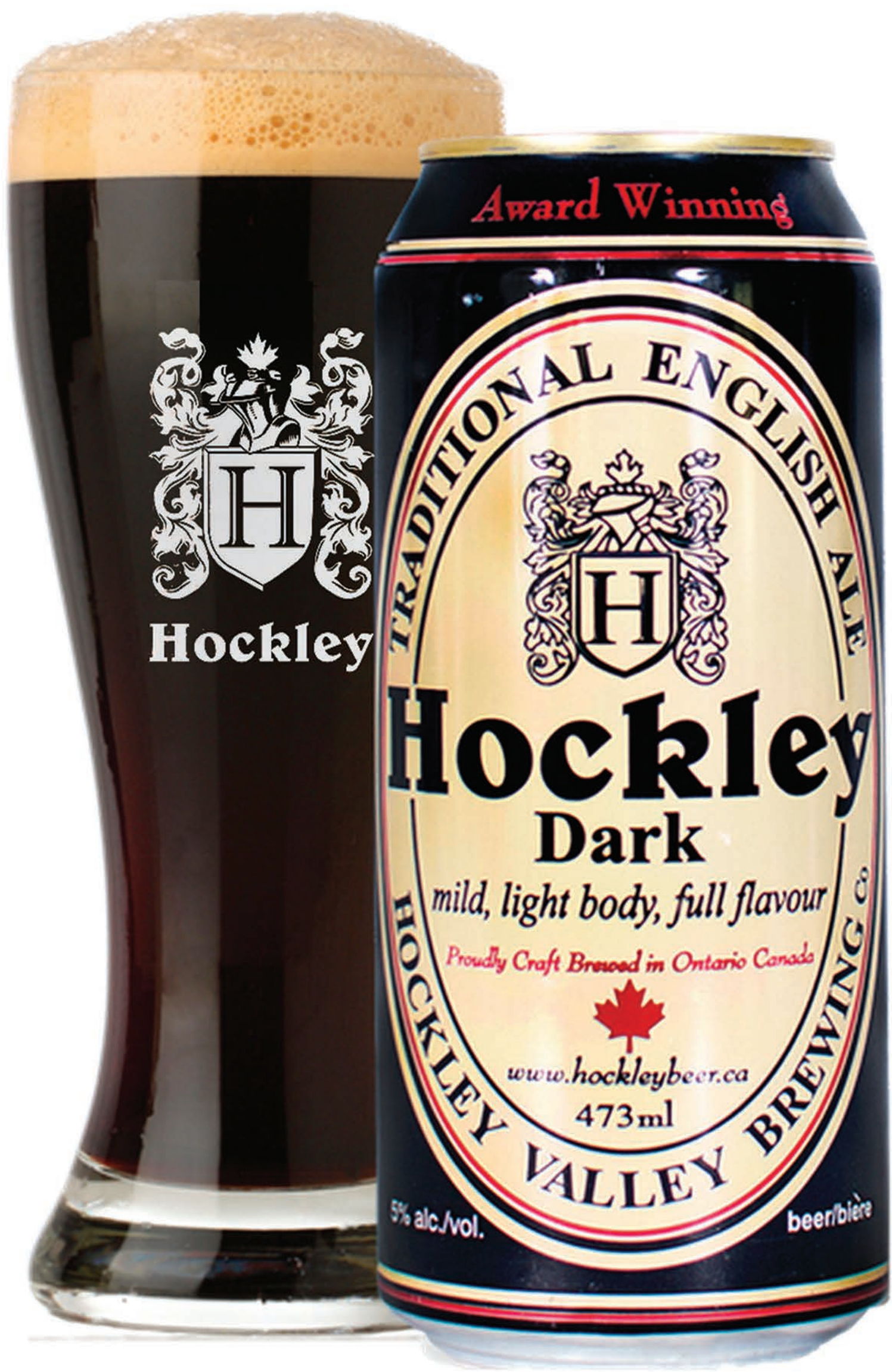
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VANCOUVER, March 24, 2015 /CNW/ - In an early afternoon press conference at the opening ceremonies of the Vancouver International Auto Show, the Kia Soul EV claimed top honours when the car was declared the 2015 Canadian Green Car of the Year by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

The Canadian Green Car of the Year award, in its preliminary season, was presented by Kevin Corrigan, Chair of the Canadian Green Car

Committee at the Vancouver International Auto Show from a finalist list of four (4) vehicles. The top four (4) finalists, the Honda Fit, the Kia Soul EV, the Subaru Legacy and the Toyota Camry Hybrid, were announced at the opening ceremonies of the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto back in February. The 4 finalists were "crowned" with green car toppers for the duration of the Toronto show – and will subsequently wear these same crowns in Vancouver – which

showcase their place in the running for the Canadian Green Car of the Year Award.

"Kia Canada is thrilled that the all-new 2015 Kia Soul EV has been recognized by AJAC as the Canadian Green Car of the Year", said Maria Soklis, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Kia Canada Inc. "This acknowledgement is testimony to Kia's ongoing commitment to deliver environmentally friendly automotive solutions and diverse powertrains to consumers without compromising on design or comfort."

7 vehicles became eligible for this top honour after being tested in the annual "TestFest" event that AJAC's Canadian Car of the Year Awards program hosts annually in October. These four (4) finalists represent the back to back, same day testing and vote results compiled by the largest group of Canada's best-known automotive journalists, who gather every year for a 5 day testing program, in late fall. KPMG, the accounting firm, tabulates all vote results and presents AJAC

with the top 3 – or in this case, the top 4 due to a tie – in 15 different categories. Acura, Cadillac and Mercedes-Benz (smart), were also in the running.

Mr. Corrigan explains, "While an electrically-propelled sub-compact, thought of as green, may well suit those living within the city limits, is it not also true to view a fuel-efficient 6 cyl luxury hybrid product likewise, when compared to a V8 gas-powered vehicle in its relative segment of the market? Yes, the Canadian consumer requires environmentally-friendly transportation which meets their needs, whether it be a small city runaround, or a fuel-efficient luxury product for their airport limousine business. So when it comes to vehicle transportation, any & every vehicle which offers both fuel-efficiency and addresses environmental concerns is worthy of our attention, and praise, where due".

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Williams also uses her training in education to teach advanced driving skills for various vehicle manufacturers with a strong focus on safe driving techniques. Off the track, Williams fills her schedule with teaching, public speaking appearances, school visits and trade show participation. Sign up today to reserve your spot Wednesday May 14 6:30pm - 9:00 pm. info@finesfordlincoln.ca or 905-857-1252

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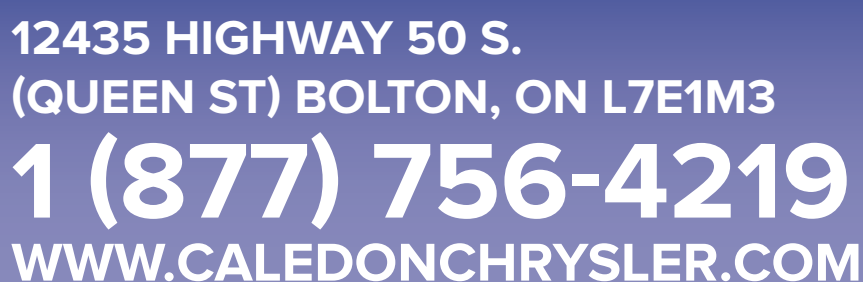
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Fifteen years ago, a little hybrid no one knew rolled onto the National Mall in Washington, DC to celebrate Earth Day. That hybrid – the Toyota Prius – kick-started one of the most intriguing eras in automobile history. Wednesday, April 22 marked the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day and the future of zero emission manufacturing appears be at a turning point.



Toyota Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCV) Concept – the Mirai – harnesses the chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity for power. It has a refueling time of just 3-5 minutes and a driving range of about 500 kilometres.

Electric vehicle demand in the past five years has soared in North America and worldwide, reaching more than 700,000 total plug-in vehicles (plug-in hybrids and pure battery electrics), up from about 400,000 at the end of 2013.

A major reason for the rise in EV sales is the rapid drop in the cost of the key component -- batteries. A recent study entitled “Rapidly Falling Costs Of Battery Packs For Electric Vehicles” reported that battery cost per kilowatt hour (kwh) fell from more than \$1,000 per kwh to approximately \$410 per kwh between 2007 and 2014. The International Energy Agency estimates that cost parity between electric and internal combustion engine vehicles could be achieved when battery costs hit \$300 per kWh of storage capacity. Experts believe that batteries will sell for less than \$230 per kwh within two or three years. “If costs reach as low as \$150 per kilowatt hour this means that electric vehicles will probably move beyond niche applications and begin to penetrate the market more widely, leading to a potential paradigm shift in vehicle technology”, the research study reported.

In fact, every indication is that battery costs could be the single strongest factor in determining mainstream adoption of green vehicles. This predication is a big reason why Tesla Motors and Panasonic

have broken ground on a massive \$5 billion plant capable of producing half a million battery packs annually, with the goal of reducing overall battery costs by 30%.

Conversely, Toyota has officially rolled out what could be a major development in automotive history – a sleek, affordable, eco-friendly car of the future. Toyota has been ranked as one of the most environmentally friendly car companies, due to its leading position in the development and production of hybrid gas-electric vehicles. The “greening” of the Toyota brand began in earnest with the introduction of the Prius. As one of the more recognizable gas-electric hybrids, it can be traced back to 1992 when Toyota committed to a corporate “Earth Charter.” The vehicle was introduced in Japan in 1997 and imported to the United States a short three years later. More recently, however, the company has backed off a strong push into battery electric cars, and is touting hydrogen fuel cell vehicles as a solution for the next 100 years.

The Toyota Mirai (“future” in Japanese) is one of the first mass-market cars to run on hydrogen fuel cells. Like battery electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles are powered by electricity, but instead of storing and releasing energy, fuel cells create electricity as long as it is supplied with fuel—in this case

in the form of hydrogen and oxygen. Instead of requiring an overnight charge like existing batteries, the Mirai can reach full charge in about three minutes. “The Toyota Mirai represents a turning point in automotive history,” said Bob Carter, senior vice president, automotive operations, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

Starting next year, Toyota plans to sell the Mirai for about \$45,000 in the U.S. (including \$13,000 California incentives) It will begin selling to Japanese consumers as early as next month. At 300 miles, the four-seat Mirai boast the longest range of any electric vehicle on the market.

Predictably, Elon Musk, the electric-car pioneer and founder of Tesla Motors (maker of battery-powered Model S – 265 mile range) is a critic of hydrogen fuel cells, dubbing them “fool cells.” Musk’s main problem with hydrogen is that it’s too difficult to produce, store and transform in fuel.

“If you’re going to pick an energy source mechanism, hydrogen is an incredibly dumb one to pick,” Musk said last month in Detroit. “The best-case hydrogen fuel cell doesn’t win against the current-case batteries. It doesn’t make sense, and that will become apparent in the next few year”, Musk recently proclaimed in Detroit.

None of Musk’s criticism seems to bother Toyota.

The company is sponsoring event in New York, Los Angeles and more during the month of April to engage and educate customers about fuel cell technology and hydrogen power. “After more than 20 years of research and development, we are excited to bring Mirai to American driveways. Earth Day 2015 is a great platform to educate the public about hydrogen fuel cell technology and the potential of hydrogen as a future fuel”, says Toyota’s SVP Carter. The Japanese automaker has partnered with Earth Day Network to sponsor the Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day celebration, April 17, 18 and 19, featuring environmental voices, government leaders, star-studded performances and a Mirai activation.

“Toyota has been a committed partner in creating solutions and momentum for a cleaner, better planet,” said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network. “We are proud to help educate about the possibilities for fuel cell technology and advocate around a shared vision for the environment.”

While the final technological platform that propels zero-emission vehicles into the mainstream remains a debate, one thing is certain. Whether it’s next generation electric batteries or hydrogen, the environment and consumers will be the main beneficiaries.

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But as inconvenient or dangerous as flats or blowouts can be, they also can be prevented more often than not. Tires often produce warning signs that a flat or blowout is about to emerge, so drivers who want to avoid such unfortunate developments can inspect their tires for the following signs.

• **VARYING WEAR:** Tires should exhibit the same type of wear. The wear on front tires and back tires may differ, but one front tire should have the same amount of wear as the other and the same goes for the back tires. Uneven tread on tires indicates that the tire with more wear could be about to go out.

• **WORN TREAD:** Even drivers who know little about cars can typically recognize when tire tread has worn down to the point where the tire is a safety risk. But drivers who are unsure can employ the quarter test. Insert a quarter into the tread of the tire, with Queen Elizabeth's head upright. If you can see the hairline of the Queen, then you need to replace the tire. Perform this test on each of your vehicle's four tires.

• **LOW PRESSURE:** Drivers who do not routinely check their tire pressure are more likely to endure a flat or blowout than those who regularly make sure their tires are at the manufacturer-recommended pressure, which can be found in a vehicle owner's manual or by calling the tire manufacturer or visiting their website. An underinflated tire is under stress that can cause the tire to blowout. In addition, poorly inflated tires force engines to work harder, which negatively affects a car's fuel efficiency.

• **VIBRATION:** A car that vibrates excessively may do so because tires are damaged. Poor suspension is another cause of excessive vibration. Whatever is behind a car that is vibrating, drivers should immediately take the car to their mechanic for an inspection.

• **PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE TIRE:** Sometimes tires exhibit physical damage like bulges or cuts, and such signs could mean a flat tire or blowout is just around the corner. Tires that exhibit such physical damage need to be replaced immediately.

Flat tires and blowouts can prove both scary and inconvenient. Drivers who want to avoid such problems should routinely inspect their tires for indicators that a flat or blowout is likely to occur.



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Finance Facts: Leasing

Why lease?

Leasing ensures that you'll always drive a late-model vehicle, won't have to pay for warranty-covered repairs and won't have to bother will re-selling at the end.

How are monthly lease rates determined?

In formulating a monthly payment structure, a lessor is primarily concerned with the extent to which the vehicle will depreciate throughout the lease and the cost of borrowing money to finance the car during that period.

Three key elements:

First, the adjusted capitalized cost is determined. This figure represents the real purchase price after elements such as the down payment, incentive discount and trade-in credit are deducted from the capitalized (actual) cost, while any fees or charges (e.g. destination) are added.

Second, the residual value, or estimated value of the vehicle at the end of the lease, is determined and then subtracted from the adjusted capitalized cost to yield a depreciation figure. The residual value depends on the length of the agreement, expected kilometres and make/model of the vehicle.

Finally, a lessor assesses the money factor, a number that correlates with the cost of borrowing money during the lease period.

While these terms may seem unfamiliar, full disclosure laws now require now requires dealers to publicize all leases' down payment amounts, lengths, residual values and interest rates.

How do loans and leases differ?

When you take out a loan, all of the money used to pay it off applies to your eventual ownership of the vehicle. The initial down payment



and principal on the loan cover the total cost of the purchase. Lease payments, however, apply only to the use of the vehicle. The total sum of payments covers the vehicle's depreciation over the time you drive it and is usually less than the outright price of the vehicle.

What are the restrictions of driving a "borrowed" vehicle?

Annual kilometres restrictions are a major limitation for customers who choose to lease. Lessors want their vehicles returned in saleable low-kilometer conditions, so they place kilometer caps on them. A typical yearly figure is between 20,000 and 55,000 kilometres. Beyond the established limit, fees accrue on a per-kilometer basis, usually in the range of \$0.10 to \$0.25 per kilometer. So if

most of your driving is local, leasing makes sense. However, if you consistently tack on 500 or more kilometres a week, definitely look into a loan.

What factors determine the purchase price at the end of a lease?

Most leases rely exclusively on the residual value in determining the end of term purchase price. These closed-end deals require you to pay the fixed residual amount regardless of the actual market price. Open-end leases work differently in that the actual market value helps determine the purchase price. As a customer you are responsible for any difference between the residual and actual value when buying outright.

■ SOURCE: www.caledonchrysler.ca

Tips!

- Closed-end leases set a fixed residual buy price at the beginning of the term, while open-end deals base the final buy price on a vehicle's actual market value at the end of a lease.
- Lease agreements usually limit kilometres from 12,000 to 15,000 kilometres annually. Beyond these figures, fees in the range of \$0.10 to \$0.25 per kilometer begin to accumulate.
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Rio5 SX with Navigation shown†
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Crossovers blend features of cars and trucks

Drivers who cannot decide between a car and a sport utility vehicle may find that a crossover offers the best of both worlds. Many crossovers are vehicles built on a car chassis that have certain features of an SUV, like a tall interior and a spacious cargo area. Crossovers frequently borrow features from station wagons and hatchbacks, favoring cargo volume over passenger space. The EPA states that a vehicle with more than 130 cubic feet of storage and less than an 8,500 pound gross weight is considered a station wagon. According to this classification, most crossovers qualify as station wagons. Crossovers can be traced back to the 1950s. The Soviet Maskovitch 410 is considered the first crossover automobile. The French Matra-Simca Rancho, introduced in 1977, was one of the first crossovers. Today there are many other crossovers on the road, helping it to become one of the fastest-growing automotive segments. Between the years 2003 and 2005, crossover SUV sales increased by 30 percent. Nearly every vehicle manufacturer now offers a crossover model, noting that such vehicles are designed to blend the

best offerings of SUVs and cars into one. Similar to cars, crossovers have a lower center of gravity to offer stability and responsiveness. The lighter weight of the crossover makes it more nimble on roadways than a traditional SUV. Unlike cars, the increased cargo and passenger space commonly found in crossovers enables the transport of more people and items. Many crossovers are on par with cars in terms of fuel efficiency, getting more miles per gallon than trucks. However, crossovers will not compare to SUVs in towing ability. While SUVs may be capable of off-roading, crossovers generally do not handle well off-road. Manufacturers may refer to crossovers as CUVs, or crossover utility vehicles, to further link them to larger trucks. But many consumers confuse crossovers with traditional SUVs and with good reason, as many SUVs billed as compact SUVs are really crossovers. The lines between the two types of vehicles are frequently blurred and differ from brand to brand. Examples of crossovers include the Audi Q3, Ford Edge, Mazda CX-5, Jeep Grand Cherokee and Toyota Venza.





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